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**From:** Taylor, Kevin [Taylor.Kevin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/18/2020 3:19:40 PM  
**To:** Groendyke, Todd [Groendyke.Todd@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Florida Methane Release  
**Attachments:** Goldstein Inquiry Methane Release tg 8.17 kit 8.18.docx

Todd,

I added the discussion I had with Janice at Energy Transfer Partners to the new draft of the response. This is the section I intend to send to her to confirm the details of the discussion:

The Brooker natural gas compressor station is owned by the Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), and operated by Energy Transfer Partners. On August 18, 2020, EPA contacted Ms. Janice Taylor, the Senior Environmental Engineer at Energy Transfer Partners. Ms. Taylor confirmed the release and stated that an onsite operator at the station detected a problem with a pressure release safety valve that was venting natural gas in the engine compressor room. The pressure relief safety valve could not be reset so an emergency shut down (ESD) of the compressor station facility was initiated to correct the problem. For the ESD, the operator had to disconnect from the pipeline and vent the remaining natural gas out of the compressor station system so the repair could be performed safely.

At your direction, I went back to the original request and notice that the emphasis was on the release being unknown. Therefore, I adjusted the response to just discussing the source and the reason for the release. I took out any discussion about an EPA investigation since it is not a focus of the request.

Let me know what you think.

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin J. Taylor*

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**Subject:** Florida Methane Release

Todd,

I did a minor change to one highlighted sentence.

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin J. Taylor*

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**From:** Groendyke, Todd <Groendyke.Todd@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Kevin <Taylor.Kevin@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** not sure if I made this better or worse

Lets talk tomorrow morning

Sincerely,

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